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SUBJECT: ARAB AMBASSADORS PRESENT DECLARATION

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1. PRESS OCTOBER 10 PRINTS TEXT OF DECLARATION PRESENTED BY 4 ARAB CHIEFS OF MISSION PREVIOUS DAY TO FONMIN MLADENOV.

2. AMBASSADORS OF IRAQ, EGYPT, SYRIA AND ALGERIAN CHARGE MET WITH MLADENOV (PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE SAME DAY FOR AUSTRIA) TO PRESENT DECLARATION OF THANKS FOR GOB DECLARATION (REFTEL) WHICH "CONDEMNED NEW ISRAELI AGGRESSION AND PLACED ENTIRE BLAME ON MILITARY CIRCLES RULING IN ISRAEL". BULK OF ARAB STATEMENT DEVOTED TO DETAILED ARGUMENT THAT ISRAEL FIRED FIRST SHOT IN NAVAL ENGAGEMENT.

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MENT OCTOBER 6, AS WELL AS CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL
FOR FAILURE TO OBSERVE UNGA RESOLUTION 242.

3. COMMENT: ARAB'S GRATITUDE FOR GOB DECLARATION
APPEARS TO SLIGHTLY OVERSTATE BULGARS ASSESSMENT
OF BLAME FOR INITIATION OF LATEST CONFLICT. AT SAME
TIME PRINTING OF STATEMENT ALLOWS GOB TO PRESENT
ARAB CLAIMS (WHICH HAVE NOT APPEARED IN PRESS IN
SUCH DETAIL) WITHOUT EXPLICITLY SUPPORTING THEIR
AUTHENTICITY.
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